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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:27 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 28, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13327.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, to be Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Forces Europe and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF, to be Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz, USA, to be Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/Commander, U.S. Forces, Korea, and Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF, to be Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Space Command, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded hearings on the agricultural biological weapons threat to the United States, after receiving testimony in closed session from officials of the Central Intelligence Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Defense Intelligence Agency; and, in open session from Susan Koch, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Threat Reduction Policy, and Robert J. Newberry, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Combating Terrorism Policy and Support, both of the Department of Defense; Floyd P. Horn, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, Department of Agriculture; and Jon Wefald, Kansas State University, Manhattan.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the impact of electronic communications networks on the changing structure of the national securities markets, after receiving testimony from Arthur Levitt, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Matthew Andresen, Island ECN, and Douglas M. Atkin, Instinet Corporation, both of New York, New York;

Gerald D. Putnam, Jr., Archipelago, Chicago, Illinois; and Kevin Foley, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Bloomberg Tradebook.

U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the future of U.S.-China relations, after receiving testimony from Representative Cox; Winston Lord, International Rescue Committee, Washington, D.C., former Ambassador to the People's Republic of China and former Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Harry Wu, Laogai Research Foundation, Milpitas, California; and Arthur Waldron, University of Pennsylvania, and Ross H. Munro, Center for Security Studies, both of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

TAX TREATIES AND PROTOCOL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the Tax Convention With Estonia (Treaty Doc. 105–55), Tax Convention With Latvia (Treaty Doc. 105–57), Tax Convention With Venezuela (Treaty Doc. 106–3), Tax Convention With Denmark (Treaty Doc. 106–12), Tax Convention With Lithuania (Treaty Doc. 105–56), Tax Convention With Slovenia (Treaty Doc. 106–9), Tax Convention With Italy (Treaty Doc. 106–11), and the Protocol Amending The Tax Convention With Germany (Treaty Doc. 106–13), after receiving testimony from Senator Dorgan; Philip R. West, International Tax Counsel, Department of the Treasury; Lindy L. Paull, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation; and Fred F. Murray, National Foreign Trade Council, Inc., Washington, D.C.

FOREIGN SOVEREIGN IMMUNITIES ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings to examine proposals to further amend the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (FSIA) and related terrorism issues, focusing on efforts to help families of the victims of international terrorism receive compensation, receiving testimony from Senators Mack and Lautenberg; Stuart E. Eizenstat, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; Allan Gerson, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; Patrick Clawson, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, and Leonard Garment, both of Washington, D.C.; Stephen M. Flatow, West Orange, New Jersey; and Maggie Alejandre Khuly, Miami, Florida.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

PARENTAL CHILD KIDNAPING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight concluded hearings on the Justice Department's response to international parental child kidnaping, after receiving testimony from James K. Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Jamison S. Borek, Deputy Legal Adviser, Department of State; Catherine I. Meyer, British Embassy, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children; Laura Kingsley Hong, Squire, Sanders and Dempsey, Cleveland Heights, Ohio; Ernie Allen, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Alexandria, Virginia; John J. Lebeau, Jr., Palm Beach Gardens, Florida; and Craig E. Stein, Miami Beach, Florida.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 979, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide

for further self-governance by Indian tribes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, focusing on Title IX, Indian, Native Hawaiian, and Alaska Native Education programs, after receiving testimony from Judith Johnson, Acting Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education; Lloyd D. Tortalita, Pueblo of Acoma, Acoma, New Mexico; Wallace Charley, Shiprock, New Mexico, on behalf of the Navajo Nation; John W. Cheek, National Indian Education Association, Alexandria, Virginia; Brent Gish, Mahnomen Public School District, Mahnomen, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Indian Impacted Schools Association; and John W. Tippeconnic, III, Pennsylvania State University College of Education, University Park.